

<b>TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371</b>		ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER <b>NAA237</b>
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. <b>PCT/JP2004/014275</b>		U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5) <b>10/573942</b>
INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE <b>29.09.2004</b>		PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED <b>30.09.2003; 15.03.2004</b>
TITLE OF INVENTION <b>Solid surface smoothing method and apparatus therefor</b>		
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6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto.</li> <li>b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</li> </ul>		
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8. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).		
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12. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.		
13. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A preliminary amendment.		
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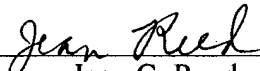
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